

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS

## COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on law enforcement in Indian Country.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

## COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on Smithsonian Institution governance reform and a report by the Smithsonian's Independent Review Committee.

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Howard Gantman at the Rules and Administration Committee, 224-6352.

## COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would like to inform the Members that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship will hold a roundtable entitled "SBA Reauthorization: Small Business Venture Capital Programs," on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

## PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs will hold 2 days of hearings entitled "Excessive Speculation in the Natural Gas Markets." The subcommittee's hearing will examine the reasons for the extreme price levels and volatility in the natural gas futures markets in 2006 and how excessive speculation by a single hedge fund, Amaranth LLC, dominated the natural gas market and distorted natural gas futures prices. The hearing also will examine the extent to which excessive speculative trading on unregulated energy exchanges contributed to the price distortions, and the need for statutory and regulatory changes to prevent manipulation and excessive speculation on unregulated exchanges from detrimentally affecting energy prices. Witnesses for the upcoming hearing will include a Counsel to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations who will present a report on the subcommittee's year-long investigation, Amaranth, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Intercontinental Exchange, the New York Mercantile Exchange, natural gas users, and academics. A final witness list for the June 25 hearing will be available on Friday, June 22, 2007. A final witness list for the July 9 hearing will be available on Friday, July 6, 2007.

The subcommittee hearings are scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2007, at 11 a.m., in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, and Monday, July 9, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Elise Bean of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at 224-9505.

## APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Republican leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105-275, further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 20, 2004), the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 110th Congress: Senator RICHARD LUGAR of Indiana, Senator JOHN WARNER of Virginia, Senator JEFF SESSIONS of Alabama, Senator PETE DOMENICI of New Mexico, Senator BOB CORKER of Tennessee.

## AMENDING SENATE RESOLUTION 458

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of S. Res. 238, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 238) amending Senate Resolution 458 (98th Congress) to allow the Secretary of the Senate to adjust the salaries of employees who are placed on the payroll of the Senate, under the direction of the Secretary, as a result of the death or resignation of a Senator.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BINGAMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 238) was agreed to, as follows:

## S. RES. 238

*Resolved*, That (a) subsection (a)(1) of the first section of Senate Resolution 458 (98th Congress) is amended by inserting after "respective salaries" the following: " , unless adjusted by the Secretary of the Senate with the approval of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. ".

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect January 1, 2007.

## MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1639

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1639, introduced ear-

lier today by Senators KENNEDY and SPECTER, is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1639) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

## ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 19; that on Tuesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes, and with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half; that upon the close of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 6, as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate today, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:41 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 10 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 18, 2007:

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PAUL R. BRUBAKER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE RESEARCH AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE ASHOK G. KAVESHWAR, RESIGNED.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NANCY GOODMAN BRINKER, OF FLORIDA, TO BE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AND TO HAVE THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE, VICE DONALD BURNHAM EISENBERG, RESIGNED.

EUNICE S. REDDICK, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE GABONESE REPUBLIC, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE.

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

DAVID W. JAMES, OF MISSOURI, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE RANDOLPH JAMES CLERIHUE.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

STEVEN H. MURDOCK, OF TEXAS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE CENSUS, VICE LOUIS KINCANNON.